

**Ordinances Adopting and Amending  
the Strategic Plan and Service Guidelines**



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

July 12, 2011

### Ordinance 17143

Proposed No. 2011-0114.2

Sponsors Dunn and Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation;  
2 adopting the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-  
3 2021 and Metro Transit Service Guidelines; and repealing  
4 Ordinance 12060, Section 1, Ordinance 12060, Section 2;  
5 Ordinance 12060, Section 3, Ordinance 12060, Section 4;  
6 Ordinance 12060, Section 5, Exhibit A to Ordinance  
7 12060, Exhibit B to Ordinance 12060, Exhibit C to  
8 Ordinance 12060, Exhibit D to Ordinance 12060,  
9 Ordinance 14464, Section 1, Ordinance 14464, Section 2,  
10 Ordinance 14464, Section 3, Ordinance 14464, Section 4,  
11 Ordinance 14464, Section 5, Ordinance 14464, Section 6,  
12 Attachment A to Ordinance 14464, Attachment B to  
13 Ordinance 14664, Attachment C to Ordinance 14464,  
14 Attachment D to Ordinance 14464, Ordinance 15047,  
15 Section 1, Ordinance 15047, Section 2, Attachment A to  
16 Ordinance 15047, Attachment B to Ordinance 15047,  
17 Attachment C to Ordinance 15047, Attachment D to  
18 Ordinance 15047, Ordinance 15962, Section 1, Ordinance  
19 15962, Section 2, Attachment A to Ordinance 15962,

Ordinance 15963, Section 1, Ordinance 15963, Section 2,  
Attachment A to Ordinance 15963, Ordinance 16708,  
Section 1, Ordinance 16708, Section 2, Ordinance 16708,  
Section 3, Attachment A to Ordinance 16708 and  
Attachment B to Ordinance 16708.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

**SECTION 1. Findings:**

A. A Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation ("Comprehensive Plan") was adopted by Resolution 6641 on October 21, 1993, by the council of the former municipality of metropolitan Seattle and ratified by the King County council by adoption of Ordinance 11032, Section 28.

B. On December 11, 1995, the council passed Ordinance 12060, amending the Comprehensive Plan and adopting a Six-Year Transit Development Plan, which guided implementation of service changes and improvements in a way consistent with the new Comprehensive Plan.

C. Following periodic updates to the Comprehensive Plan and The Six-Year Transit Development Plan, the council adopted Ordinance 15963 in November 2007, replacing the Six-Year Transit Development Plan with a ten-year strategic plan. That strategic plan included guidance about the priorities for improvements to the public transportation system consistent with the Transit Now program as established via Ordinance 15962.

D. Beginning in 2008 and 2009, the global recession caused a significant downturn in sales tax revenues funding the current and future years of the Metro transit

43 system. As a result of these changing conditions, the council engaged in a multi-year  
44 strategy to refocus, make more efficient and save as much transit service as possible.  
45 This strategy involved: a comprehensive audit of the transit division; reductions in  
46 staffing and services that support the delivery of transit service; deferral of non-  
47 RapidRide and Partnership Transit Now services; multiple fare increases; changing the  
48 way transit service is planned and delivered; and appointment of a broad stakeholder  
49 group as a regional transit task force with a charge to make recommendations regarding  
50 the policy framework for the Metro transit system.

51 E. Following seven months of intensive deliberations, the regional transit task  
52 force delivered its final recommendation report with the unanimous support of task force  
53 members. The recommendations in the task force report focused on the following areas:

54 1. Transparency and clarity: that the transit division provide more transparency  
55 and clarity to the public on the agency's decision-making process and develop a set of  
56 performance measures and clear and transparent guidelines to be used in service  
57 allocation decisions;

58 2. Cost control: that the transit division continue to control costs and build  
59 toward a more sustainable financial structure over time; and

60 3. Productivity, social equity and geographic value: that, in making decisions  
61 about service reduction and service growth, the transit division emphasizes productivity,  
62 ensures social equity and provides geographic value.

63 F. In July 2010, the council adopted the first-ever countywide King County  
64 Strategic Plan 2010-2014, establishing prioritized goals, objectives and strategies for the  
65 programs and services of King County government. This countywide plan was also

intended to provide a framework for all agency-level strategic planning, including planning for the transit division.

G. The Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021, including the King County Metro Service Guidelines, adopted by this ordinance, builds on the King County Strategic Plan 2010-2014 and the policy framework and recommendations of the regional transit task force and is also guided by the challenges King County Metro faces: regional growth; the evolving transportation system; climate change; diverse customer needs; and a structural funding deficit.

H. The Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 modifies the Transit Now program service implementation phasing plan and revises the description of the Transit Now program that will occur within the 2011-2021 time frame. The King County council, as authorized by K.C.C. 4.29.020 and, if passed by a supermajority of at least six affirmative votes of the council, may allow the proceeds from the Transit Now tax to fund service consistent with King County Code and King County Metro transit policies and goals.

I. The Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 replaces the Comprehensive Plan for Public Transportation, the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2007-2016 and the separately adopted Transit Program Financial Policies, which are therefore repealed by this ordinance together with the ordinances approving and amending them.

J. The Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and King County Metro Service Guidelines are meant to be living documents setting the policy for and guiding the implementation of the Metro transit service network while responding to

89 growth throughout the county, while also incorporating regular review of policies by the  
90 regional transit committee.

91 K. Regional transit committee review of policies within the timeframe provided  
92 by the county charter for deliberation of legislation could be challenging due to the  
93 multiple due dates of reports and plan updates required by this ordinance and other  
94 county issues such as budget deliberations or recess commitments. City and county  
95 leaders intend to work cooperatively to ensure that regional committee meetings and  
96 review provide the full time allocated in the county charter for future deliberations on the  
97 Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and King County Metro Service  
98 Guidelines. This intent is recognized in King County council rules, K.C.C. 1.24.065.B.5,  
99 which provide that the chair of a regional committee cannot take a unilateral action to  
100 cancel a regional committee meeting without concurrence of the vice chair or action of  
101 the full committee in lieu of vice chair agreement.

102 SECTION 2. The following are each hereby repealed:

103 A. Ordinance 12060, Section 1;

104 B. Ordinance 12060, Section 2;

105 C. Ordinance 12060, Section 3;

106 D. Ordinance 12060, Section 4;

107 E. Ordinance 12060, Section 5;

108 F. Exhibit A to Ordinance 12060, Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 1996 -  
109 2001;

110 G. Exhibit B to Ordinance 12060, Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 1996 -  
111 2001 Appendices;

112 H. Exhibit C to Ordinance 12060, Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 1996 -  
113 2001 Public Involvement Report;

114 I. Exhibit D to Ordinance 12060, Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 1996 -  
115 2001 Addendum to the Regional Transit System Plan Final Environmental Impact  
116 Statement;

117 J. Ordinance 14464, Section 1;

118 K. Ordinance 14464, Section 2;

119 L. Ordinance 14464, Section 3;

120 M. Ordinance 14464, Section 4;

121 N. Ordinance 14464, Section 5;

122 O. Ordinance 14464, Section 6;

123 P. Attachment A to Ordinance 14464, Six-Year Transit Development Plan for  
124 2002 to 2007;

125 Q. Attachment B to Ordinance 14664, Six-Year Transit Development Plan for  
126 2002 to 2007: Appendices RTC Recommended September 2002;

127 R. Attachment C to Ordinance 14464, Public Involvement Report Summary  
128 Proposed Initiatives for the Six-Year Transit Development Plan King County Metro  
129 Transit Fall 2001;

130 S. Attachment D to Ordinance 14464, Addendum to the Regional Transit System  
131 Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement, Six-Year Transit Development Plan for  
132 2002-2007;

133 T. Ordinance 15047, Section 1;

134 U. Ordinance 15047, Section 2;

135           V. Attachment A to Ordinance 15047, Exhibit A - 2002 Six-Year Transit  
136 Development Plan Update;

137           W. Attachment B to Ordinance 15047, Exhibit B - 2002 Six-Year Transit  
138 Development Plan Update;

139           X. Attachment C to Ordinance 15047, Exhibit C - 2002 Six-Year Transit  
140 Development Plan Update;

141           Y. Attachment D to Ordinance 15047, Exhibit D - 2002 Six-Year Transit  
142 Development Plan Update;

143           Z. Ordinance 15962, Section 1;

144           AA. Ordinance 15962, Section 2;

145           BB. Attachment A to Ordinance 15962, Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan  
146 for Public Transportation, dated November 5, 2007;

147           CC. Ordinance 15963, Section 1;

148           DD. Ordinance 15963, Section 2;

149           EE. Attachment A to Ordinance 15963, Strategic Plan for Public Transportation  
150 2007-2016, November, 2007;

151           FF. Ordinance 16708, Section 1;

152           GG. Ordinance 16708, Section 2;

153           HH. Ordinance 16708, Section 3;

154           II. Attachment A to Ordinance 16708, Strategic Plan for Public Transportation  
155 2007-2016, dated November 5, 2009; and

156           JJ. Attachment B to Ordinance 16708, 2010/2011 Transit Program Financial  
157 Policies, dated October 30, 2009.

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158        SECTION 3. The Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021, which is  
159 Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby adopted, superseding the Comprehensive Plan  
160 for Public Transportation and the 2007-2016 Strategic Plan for Transportation.

161        SECTION 4. The King County Metro Service Guidelines, which are Attachment  
162 B to this ordinance, are hereby adopted.

163        SECTION 5. Beginning with a baseline report in 2012 and then annually  
164 thereafter through the duration of the plan, the executive is directed to transmit to the  
165 council, for acceptance by motion, an annual service guidelines report of Metro's transit  
166 system, complementary to the biennial report on meeting the goals, objectives and  
167 strategies identified in chapter three of the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-  
168 2021. This service guidelines report is shaped by the Strategic Plan for Public  
169 Transportation 2011-2021 and the King County Metro Service Guidelines.

170        A. For the period of the report, the service guidelines report shall include:

171            1. The corridors analyzed to determine the Metro All-Day and Peak Network  
172 with a summary of resulting scores and assigned service levels as determined by the King  
173 County Metro Service Guidelines;

174            2. The results of the analysis including a list of over-served and under-served  
175 transit corridors and the estimated number of service hours, as either an increase or  
176 decrease, necessary to meet each underserved corridor's needs;

177            3. The performance of transit services by route and any changes in the King  
178 County Metro Service Guidelines thresholds since the previous reporting period, using  
179 the performance measures identified in Chapter III of the strategic plan and in the  
180 guidelines;

181           4. A list of transit service changes made to routes and corridors of the network  
182 since the last reporting period;

183           5. Network and rider connectivity associated with transit services delivered by  
184 other providers; and

185           6. A list of potential changes, if any, to the strategic plan and guidelines to  
186 better meet their policy intent.

187           B. The report and motion shall be transmitted by March 31 of each year for  
188 consideration by the regional transit committee.

189           SECTION 6. By April 30, 2012, 2013 and 2015, and as necessary thereafter for  
190 the purpose of validating policy intent of the strategic plan, the executive shall transmit to  
191 the council an ordinance to update the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021  
192 and the King County Metro Service Guidelines. At a minimum, the legislation and  
193 update should include:

194           A. Changes necessary to account for separately adopted transit policy documents  
195 including updating the plan and guidelines, and repealing or rescinding, as necessary,  
196 appropriately accounted for policies;

197           B. Any proposed changes to address unanticipated issues associated with  
198 implementing the plan and guidelines, including the factors that implement the concepts  
199 of productivity including land use, social equity and geographic value;

200           C. Changes that may be necessary to achieve the five-year implementation plan  
201 required in Section 7 of this ordinance;

202           D. Changes necessary to address the results of the collaborative process required  
203 in Section 8 of this ordinance; and

204 E. Additional substantive changes that may also be proposed following regional  
205 transit committee discussion.

206 SECTION 7. By June 15, 2012, the executive shall transmit to the council, for  
207 acceptance by motion, a five-year implementation plan for alternatives to traditional  
208 transit service delivery consistent with the recommendations from the 2010 regional  
209 transit task force and guidance from the King County Metro Service Guidelines. This  
210 plan should, at a minimum, include:

- 211 A. A review of alternative service delivery best practices in the transit industry;
- 212 B. Consideration of local service needs;
- 213 C. Stakeholder involvement;
- 214 D. Costs and benefits of all evaluated alternative service delivery options;
- 215 E. A summary of constraints to implementation and methods to reduce barriers  
216 for change;
- 217 F. Strategies to build ridership, such as through marketing, where resources are  
218 available to do so;
- 219 G. Recommendations for alternative service delivery; and
- 220 H. A timeline for implementation actions.

221 SECTION 8. By April 30, 2013, and as part of the 2013 transmittal required in  
222 Section 6 of this ordinance, the executive shall transmit to the council an ordinance to  
223 update the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and the King County  
224 Metro Service Guidelines recognizing that the strategic plan and guidelines are based  
225 upon Metro's current network, which will require future changes to meet the 2010  
226 regional transit task force recommendations. Additionally, by October 31, 2012 the

227 executive shall transmit a preliminary results report produced through the collaborative  
228 process identified in Section 8.A. of this ordinance to the regional transit committee. At a  
229 minimum, the legislation and update should include refinements to the guidelines'  
230 methodology to:

231         A. Incorporate input from local jurisdictions as generated through a collaborative  
232 process defined by the executive;

233         B. Address the factors, methodology and prioritization of service additions in  
234 existing and new corridors consistent with Strategy 6.1.1;

235         C. More closely align factors used to serve and connect centers in the  
236 development of the All-Day and Peak Network and resulting service level designations,  
237 including consideration of existing public transit services, with jurisdictions' growth  
238 decisions, such as zoning and transit-supportive design requirements, and actions  
239 associated with but not limited to permitting, transit operating enhancements, parking  
240 controls and pedestrian facilities; and

241         D. Create a category of additional service priority, complementary to existing  
242 priorities for adding service contained within the King County Metro Service Guidelines,  
243 so that priorities include service enhancements to and from, between and within Vision  
244 2040 regionally designated centers, and other centers where plans call for transit-  
245 supportive densities and jurisdictions have invested in capital facilities, made operational  
246 changes that improve the transit operating environment and access to transit, and  
247 implemented programs that incentivize transit use.

248         SECTION 9. When submitting a proposal for reduction of total Metro transit  
249 system service hours greater than ten percent of the current service hours, the executive

250 should include a proposed community outreach and awareness program to be  
251 implemented in support of developing and implementing the service hour reductions.  
252 The program should be appropriate to the size and scale of the transit service reductions  
253 and incorporate a community feedback process. In light of the scope and schedule of the

254 necessary outreach, the program should include consideration of the use of external  
255 professional resources to augment county staffing.  
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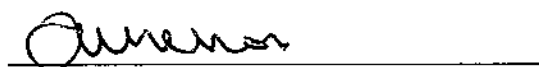
Ordinance 17143 was introduced on 3/7/2011 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/11/2011, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr.  
McDermott  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 13 day of JULY, 2011.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

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**Attachments:** A. King County Metro Transit Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021, dated June 15, 2011, B. King County Metro Service Guidelines, dated June 15, 2011



## KING COUNTY

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Seattle, WA 98104

### Signature Report

August 1, 2012

Ordinance 17386

Proposed No. 2012-0181.2

Sponsors Dunn, Phillips and von Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation;  
2 adopting an update to the Strategic Plan for Public  
3 Transportation 2011-2021.

4 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 5 1. The King County council adopted the King County Metro Strategic  
6 Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 ("the strategic plan") and the  
7 King County Metro Service Guidelines ("the service guidelines") in July  
8 2011.
- 9 2. The regional transit task force recommended that the strategic plan and  
10 service guidelines focus on transparency and clarity, cost control and  
11 productivity.
- 12 3. In July 2010, the King County council adopted the first-ever  
13 countywide King County Strategic Plan 2010-2014, establishing  
14 prioritized goals, objectives and strategies for the programs and services of  
15 King County government. The countywide plan was also intended to  
16 provide a framework for all agency-level strategic planning, including  
17 planning for the transit division.
- 18 4. The strategic plan and service guidelines build on the King County  
19 Strategic Plan 2010-2014 and the policy framework and recommendations

20 of the regional transit task force and are also guided by the challenges  
21 King County Metro faces: regional growth; the evolving transportation  
22 system; climate change; diverse customer needs; and a structural funding  
23 deficit.

24 5. The strategic plan and service guidelines are meant to be living  
25 documents setting the policy for and guiding the implementation of the  
26 Metro transit service network while responding to growth throughout the  
27 county, while also incorporating regular review of policies by the regional  
28 transit committee.

29 6. Ordinance 17143, Section 6, which adopted the strategic plan and  
30 service guidelines, directs that by April 30, 2012, 2013 and 2015, and as  
31 necessary thereafter for the purpose of validating policy intent of the  
32 strategic plan, the executive shall transmit to the council an ordinance to  
33 update the strategic plan and service guidelines. The legislation and  
34 updates should include:

35 A. Changes necessary to account for separately adopted transit policy  
36 documents including updating the strategic plan and service guidelines;

37 B. Any proposed changes to address unanticipated issues associated with  
38 implementing the strategic plan and service guidelines;

39 C. Changes that may be necessary to achieve the five-year  
40 implementation plan for alternatives to traditional transit service delivery.

41 The five-year implementation plan is required by Ordinance 17143,



- 42           Section 7, consistent with the recommendations from the 2010 regional  
43           transit task force and guidance from the service guidelines;
- 44           D. Changes necessary to address the results of the collaborative process  
45           required in Ordinance 17143, Section 8; and
- 46           E. Additional substantive changes that may also be proposed following  
47           regional transit committee discussion.
- 48           7. Ordinance 17143, Section 7, requires that by June 15, 2012, the  
49           executive shall transmit to the council, for acceptance by motion, a five-  
50           year implementation plan for alternatives to traditional transit service  
51           delivery consistent with the recommendations from the 2010 regional  
52           transit task force and guidance from the service guidelines. The plan  
53           should, at a minimum, include:
- 54           A. Review of alternative service delivery best practices in the transit  
55           industry;
- 56           B. Consideration of local service needs;
- 57           C. Stakeholder involvement;
- 58           D. Costs and benefits of all evaluated alternative service delivery  
59           options;
- 60           E. A summary of constraints to implementation and methods to reduce  
61           barriers for change;
- 62           F. Strategies to build ridership, such as through marketing, where  
63           resources are available to do so;
- 64           G. Recommendations for alternative service delivery; and

65 H. A timeline for implementation actions.

66 8. The proposed update meets the requirements of Ordinance 17143,  
67 Section 6, and provides the basis for policy changes necessary to achieve  
68 the five-year implementation plan for alternative services that will be  
69 transmitted on June 15, 2012.

70 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

71 SECTION 1. The King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation  
72 2011-2021 is hereby updated to incorporate two new strategies, which is Attachment A to

73 this ordinance, to address policies necessary to facilitate achievement of the five-year  
74 implementation plan for alternatives to traditional service.

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Ordinance 17386 was introduced on 5/7/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/30/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson,  
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr. McDermott

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Ms. Hague

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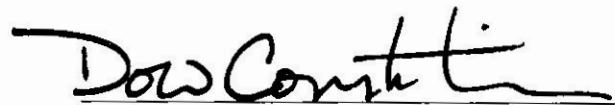
  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 10 day of AUGUST, 2012.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Proposed new strategies 2.1.4 and 6.2.4 dated 6-27-12

**Attachment A: Proposed new strategies 2.1.4 and 6.2.4**

**Strategy 2.1.4: Seek to provide to the general public an extensive range of transportation alternatives to regular fixed route-transit, such as ridesharing and other alternative or “right-sized” services.**

Innovative public transportation services and delivery strategies can keep costs down while providing mobility to people throughout King County. Metro is exploring opportunities to expand alternative service options to a broader range of users as effective and lower-cost alternatives to fixed-route bus service. Metro currently provides services such as the Community Access Transportation and Taxi Scrip programs for riders who meet certain age, income and/or disability requirements. If Metro had the ability to provide these types of mobility options to the general public in addition to people who meet eligibility criteria, it could have more opportunities to offer cost-efficient alternatives to fixed-route bus service. By increasing the flexibility and convenience of other programs, such as Vanpool, Metro could also make these options available to a wider range of customers.

To provide an extensive array of services to the general public, changes may be necessary to current code provisions that limit a service to certain eligible populations. Metro should pursue code changes that clarify eligibility criteria for special programs yet allow the general public to use the programs in other circumstances.

**Strategy 6.2.4: Provide alternative or “right-sized” services in the context of overall system financial health and the need to reduce, maintain or expand the system.**

Metro will extend alternative service delivery products to communities according to market characteristics and resources available. Alternative or “right-sized” services can provide cost-effective mobility options for communities. Depending on Metro’s financial standing and six to 10 year financial outlook, it may provide these services as a cost-effective alternative to a fixed-route service or as a complement to the public transit network.

When financial challenges require Metro to consider service reductions, alternative services can provide a lower-cost service option in low-density areas that are surrounded by or adjacent to rural areas, or to provide a lower cost service in place of an existing fixed route in other areas. When revenues are stable or growing, Metro will consider alternative services in other corridors where it provides a cost-effective addition to fixed-route service or as a complement to existing public transit services where appropriate markets exist.



# KING COUNTY

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## Signature Report

June 3, 2013

### Ordinance 17597

Proposed No. 2013-0229.1

Sponsors Dembowski

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation;  
2 revising the reporting schedule for the annual service  
3 guidelines report and establish a new reporting schedule for  
4 the biennial strategic plan progress report; and amending  
5 Ordinance 17143, Section 5.

#### 6 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 7 1. The King County council adopted Ordinance 17143 in July 2011,  
8 adopting the King County Metro Strategic Plan for Public Transportation  
9 2011-2021 ("the strategic plan") and the King County Metro Service  
10 Guidelines ("service guidelines").
- 11 2. Chapter three of the strategic plan requires Metro to report on strategic  
12 plan measures on a biennial basis. Complementary to the biennial  
13 strategic plan report, Ordinance 17143 requires Metro to transmit to the  
14 council, for acceptance by motion, an annual service guidelines report.  
15 Ordinance 17143, Section 5.B, requires the service guidelines report and  
16 motion to be transmitted by March 31 of each year for consideration by  
17 the regional transit committee.

18           3. The data collected and utilized by Metro in preparing the annual  
19           service guidelines report is available for evaluation beginning in late  
20           summer of each year.

21           4. The data that is used to formulate the service guidelines report also  
22           forms the basis for service change proposals and therefore should be made  
23           available as soon as possible.

24           5. Data necessary for measuring the cost of service, which is a subject of  
25           the biennial strategic plan progress report, is not typically available in time  
26           for a March 31 transmittal.

27           6. The biennial strategic plan progress report provides information useful  
28           to Metro's biennial budgeting process and therefore should be submitted in  
29           the same year as the budget.

30           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

31           SECTION 1. Ordinance 17143, Section 5, is hereby amended to read as follows:

32           Beginning with a baseline report in 2012 and then annually thereafter through the  
33           duration of the plan, the executive is directed to transmit to the council, for acceptance by  
34           motion, an annual service guidelines report of Metro's transit system, complementary to  
35           the biennial report on meeting the goals, objectives and strategies identified in chapter  
36           three of the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021. This service guidelines  
37           report is shaped by the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and the King  
38           County Metro Service Guidelines.

39           A. For the period of the report, the service guidelines report shall include:

- 40           1. The corridors analyzed to determine the Metro All-Day and Peak Network  
41 with a summary of resulting scores and assigned service levels as determined by the King  
42 County Metro Service Guidelines;
- 43           2. The results of the analysis including a list of over-served and under-served  
44 transit corridors and the estimated number of service hours, as either an increase or  
45 decrease, necessary to meet each underserved corridor's needs;
- 46           3. The performance of transit services by route and any changes in the King  
47 County Metro Service Guidelines thresholds since the previous reporting period, using  
48 the performance measures identified in Chapter III of the strategic plan and in the  
49 guidelines;
- 50           4. A list of transit service changes made to routes and corridors of the network  
51 since the last reporting period;
- 52           5. Network and rider connectivity associated with transit services delivered by  
53 other providers; and
- 54           6. A list of potential changes, if any, to the strategic plan and guidelines to  
55 better meet their policy intent.
- 56           B. The report and motion shall be transmitted by ~~((March 31))~~ October 31 of  
57 each year for consideration by the regional transit committee. Beginning in 2014, the  
58 biennial

59 report identified in chapter three of the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-

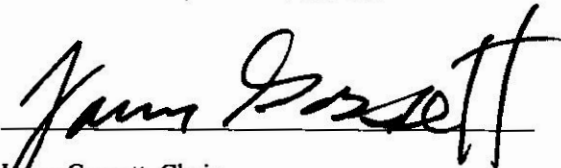
60 2021 shall be transmitted by motion by June 30 of every other year.

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Ordinance 17597 was introduced on 5/6/2013 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/3/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr.  
Dembowski  
No: 0  
Excused: 0


KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 7 day of June, 2013.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

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# KING COUNTY

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## Signature Report

August 19, 2013

Ordinance 17641

Proposed No. 2013-0230.2

Sponsors Dembowski

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation;  
2 adopting updates to the Strategic Plan for Public  
3 Transportation 2011-2021 and King County Metro Service  
4 Guidelines; and amending Ordinance 17143, Section 4.

### 5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 6 1. The King County council adopted the King County Metro Strategic  
7 Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 ("the strategic plan") and the  
8 King County Metro Service Guidelines ("service guidelines") in July 2011  
9 via Ordinance 17143.
- 10 2. The regional transit task force recommended that the strategic plan and  
11 service guidelines focus on the balancing of productivity, social equity and  
12 geographic value in the distribution of transit service.
- 13 3. The strategic plan and service guidelines are meant to be living  
14 documents, setting the policy for and guiding the implementation of the  
15 Metro transit service network by responding to growth throughout the  
16 county and incorporating regular review of policies by the regional transit  
17 committee. The proposed 2013 updates of the strategic plan and service  
18 guidelines address the following concerns:

19       A. The adoption of certain system-wide service standards, policies and  
20       methodologies to determine whether proposed changes will have a  
21       discriminatory impact based on race, color or national origin or will result  
22       in a disproportionate burden on low-income populations, as required by  
23       Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Federal Transit  
24       Administration Circular 4702.1B;

25       B. Implementation of alternative services methodologies by updating of  
26       the service guidelines consistent with strategies 2.1.4 and 6.2.4 adopted by  
27       Ordinance 17386 in July 2012;

28       C. Revisions of the service guidelines to clarify language and policy  
29       intent to provide greater transparency; and

30       D. Updating the strategic plan and service guidelines to better link  
31       growth in transit service with growth and changes in communities in order  
32       to implement Ordinance 17143, Section 8.

33       4. Access to transit is affected by many factors such as land use and  
34       development, roadways, bikeways and pedestrian facilities, park and rides  
35       and transit connectivity. Currently, Metro evaluates and estimates access  
36       to transit through two key measures: the number of jobs and households  
37       within one-quarter mile of a transit corridor and the number of jobs and  
38       households within two miles of a park-and-ride facility. These measures,  
39       however, do not account for the quality, availability or utilization of the  
40       infrastructure that supports access to transit, in particular park-and-rides  
41       and their role in aggregating transit riders in lower and moderate density

42 areas. Additionally, the infrastructure is owned or operated by a diverse  
43 list of organizations, including the Washington state Department of  
44 Transportation, Sound Transit and other transit agencies, King County,  
45 individual cities, private organizations, including for-profit and not-for-  
46 profit organizations, and a variety of partnerships. As a result of the  
47 diversity of ownership, cross-organizational planning tends to focus on  
48 project-specific access to transit, leaving an opportunity for a multiagency  
49 planning initiative that addresses the broader issue of access on a system-  
50 wide basis.

51 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

52 SECTION 1. The King County Metro Transit Strategic Plan for Public  
53 Transportation 2011-2021 is hereby updated to incorporate one new strategy, an update  
54 to strategy 2.1.2 and updates to performance measures as provided in Attachment A to  
55 this ordinance.

56 SECTION 2. Ordinance 17143, Section 4, is hereby amended to read as follows:  
57 The King County Metro Service Guidelines, dated July 17, 2013, which is  
58 Attachment B to (~~Ordinance 17143~~) this ordinance, are hereby adopted.

59 SECTION 3. A.1. By December 31, 2013, the executive shall transmit to the  
60 council and the regional transit committee, for acceptance by motion, a work plan to  
61 identify potential updates to the King County Metro Transit Strategic Plan for Public  
62 Transportation 2011-2021, related to park and rides and other infrastructure supporting  
63 access to transit.

64           2. The executive shall convene a work group, including representation from the  
65 Puget Sound Regional Council, Washington state Department of Transportation, Sound  
66 Transit, the transit division, executive and legislative branch staff, individual cities and  
67 private-sector representatives, to develop the work plan.

68           3. The work plan shall include the timelines, milestones, lead agency or  
69 jurisdiction and scope to identify:

70               a. the role of park and rides and other community infrastructure related to  
71 access to transit;

72               b. industry best practices and innovative approaches to improve access to  
73 transit capacity including but not limited to parking management, technology, non-  
74 motorized corridors, and transportation demand management;

75               c. options for regional needs reporting and funding of access to transit  
76 infrastructure;

77               d. model policy language that supports access to transit through transit-  
78 oriented communities and infrastructure; and

79               e. potential updates to the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation and Metro  
80 Service Guidelines to clarify the role, measurement and funding of access to transit as  
81 they relate to the King County Metro transit system.

82           4. The work plan shall be filed in the form of a paper original and electronic  
83 copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic  
84 copy to all councilmembers and members of the regional transit committee.

85           B. A report on the subjects described in subsection A.3.a. and b. of this section  
86 shall be transmitted by December 31, 2014, for consideration by the regional transit

87 committee and receipt of the report shall be acknowledge by the council by motion. The  
88 report shall be filed in the form of a paper original and electronic copy with the clerk of  
89 the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all  
90 councilmembers and members of the regional transit committee.

91 C. A report or reports on the subjects described in subsection A.3. c., d. and e. of  
92 this section shall be transmitted by December 31, 2015, for consideration by the regional  
93 transit committee and receipt of the report or reports shall be acknowledged by the  
94 council by motion. The report or reports shall be filed in the form of a paper original and  
95 electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an  
96 electronic copy to all councilmembers and members of the regional transit committee.

97 SECTION 4. By April 30, 2014, the executive shall transmit to the council and  
98 regional transit committee, for acknowledgement of receipt by motion, a report  
99 evaluating alternative measures for use in identifying crowded services and the related  
100 transit service investment needs. These could include capacity measures that are not  
101 based on the number of seats on the bus. The intent of this work is to consider whether  
102 alternative measures or further changes of thresholds for passengers to seats should be  
103 used to determine overcrowding. The report shall be filed in the form of a paper original  
104 and electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and

105 provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and members of the regional transit  
106 committee.  
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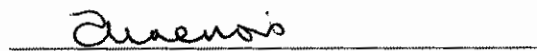
Ordinance 17641 was introduced on 5/6/2013 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/19/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr.  
Dembowski  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

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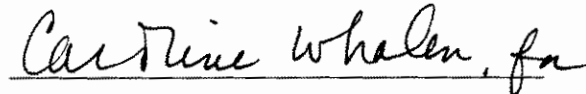
  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 30 day of August, 2013.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. Updates to the Strategic Plan for Public Transportation, 2011-2021 dated 7-17-13, B. King County Metro Service Guidelines dated 7-17-13

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